

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

By way of this Amendment, Claim 1 is amended, and new Claims 17 and 18 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 2 and 8-10 remain readable on the elected invention. New Claims 17 and 18 are also readable on the elected invention.

The subject matter of this application pertains to a device which fastens an emitter to a housing. The fastening device comprises a first, manoeuvre element that is slidable in a first direction, and a second activating element slidable in a second, fastening direction that is inclined relative to the first direction. The first and second elements are interconnected by way of at least one cam mechanism such that displacement of the first element in the first direction causes displacement of the second element in the second direction.

The Official Action sets forth a rejection of independent Claim 1, and dependent Claims 2 and 8-10, based on the disclosure in U.S. Patent No. 5,975,592 to *Lin*. This document discloses a lock assembly specifically configured for use in connection with a sliding door. Considering that the disclosure in this reference has no application to a device that fastens an emitter to a housing, it is understood that the rejection set forth in the Official Action is based on the interpretation that the language in Claim 1 reciting a device for fastening an emitter to a housing has been treated as a statement of intended use and not given patentable weight. To better make clear that Claim 1 recites the device in combination with the emitter and the housing, Claim 1 is amended to recite a "device fastening an emitter to a housing" and to also relate the displacement of the second element and the force urging the

emitter toward the housing. On this latter point, Claim 1 is amended to recite that the displacement of the second element applies a fastening force to the emitter that urges the emitter towards the housing.

Quite clearly, *Lin* does not disclose a device fastening an emitter to a housing as now more positively recited in independent Claim 1. It is thus respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 is allowable.

New independent Claim 18 recites an emitter fastened to a housing by a fastening device, and goes on to recite various features associated with the fastening device. Once again, *Lin* does not disclose that the lock assembly fastens an emitter to a housing, but rather describes that the disclosed lock assembly is specifically configured for use with a sliding door. It is thus respectfully submitted that independent Claim 18 is also allowable.

The dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable independent claims. Thus, a detailed discussion of the additional distinguishing features recited in the dependent claims is not set forth at this time.

As a final matter, by virtue of the wording in Claim 1 which more positively sets forth that the device is fastening the emitter to the housing, the issue raised on page three of the Official Action concerning the wording in Claim 2 is addressed. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejection based on the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

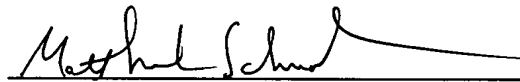
Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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